THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) The Government of NCT of Delhi had drawn samples of petrol and diesel from storage depots of oil marketing companies situated in Delhi on 25.2.2000. The results of the tests have been received by the Government of NCT, Delhi.

(d) The oil industry follow the laid down procedure and guidelines for ensuring quality of petroleum products during receipt, storage and despatch. Also oil marketing companies carry out regular/surprise checks to control various malpractices including adulteration. In addition, special drives are launched by the oil companies both on their own and also under direction of Government from time to time to check malpractices. To prevent adulteration various steps like blue dyeing of kerosene (PDS), furfural doping, filter paper test, stock reconciliation, checking of retail outlets by mobile laboratories etc. are undertaken by oil companies.

Quota of LPG and Kerosene allotted to Madhya Pradesh

3630. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of LPG gas connections in the different states of the country and the ratio of connections thereof;

(b) what is the quantum of LPG, kerosene to different States in last three financial years and ratio thereof;

(c) whether the quota of petroleum products specially LPG and kerosene allotted to Madhya Pradesh commensurate with the population of the State;

(d) whether Government are actively considering to increase the quota of petroleum products to Madhya Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The total number of customer population with the distribution of the PSU Oil Marketing Companies as on 1.1.2000, is about 438.88 lakhs.

(b) The State-wise SKO allocation and LPG consumption in various states in the last three years are given in Statement/I and II respectively. (*See* below)

(c) to (e) LPG connections are released in a phased manner throughout the country depending upon the LPG availability, waiting list, slack available

with the distributors and their viability. Kerosene is an allocated product and annual/monthly allocation is made by the Central Government to the States/ UTs for distribution through Public Distribution System. The allocation of kerosene is made on historical basis. Requests are received from various State Governments including Madhya Pradesh for additional allocation of kerosene from time to time. Kerosene is a deficit product in the country, and on account of constraints of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy, the distribution has to be judicious.

Statement-I

LPG consumptions/sales

(Fig. in MT)

States	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	308050	331887	362453
Arunachal Pradesh	4169	4948	5334
Assam	64793	69898	74598
Bihar	124755	136033	147893
Delhi	332439	365121	391035
Goa	21075	21627	23456
Gujarat	312758	335359	363496
Haryana	133461	149760	172250
Himachal Pradesh	36483	44184	49423
Jammu & Kashmir	40541	44658	47213
Karnataka	208999	222655	247736
Kerala	141627	173639	188849
Madhya Pradesh	198966	209671	228533
Maharashtra	732608	759141	820319
Manipur	8081	9289	9378
Meghalaya	5857	6358	6552
Mizoram	5639	7559	7712
Nagaland	5304	5857	6316
Orissa	44170	49994	53321
Punjab	18223	206445	224923
Rajasthan	159269	184749	205266
Sikkim	2256	2670	2888
Tamilnadu	45134	376412	429469
Tripura	5453	6543	7426

States	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Uttar Pradesh	506266	575610	648747
West Bengal	216071	242497	27273
Sub Total:	4146463	4542564	4997319
UNION TERRITORIES			
Andaman & Nihobar	1213	1017	1693
Chandigarh	21734	22394	24812
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2156	1530	1671
Daman & Diu	948	1006	1555
Lakshadweep	34	0	0
Pondicherry	9259	10584	11289
Sub Total:	35344	36531	41020
All India Total:	4181807	4579095	5038339

Statement-II

State-wise SKO allocation for the period from 1996-97 to 1998-99

States/UTs	1996-97 (MTs)	1997-98 (MTs)	1998-99 (MTs)
Andaman & Nicobar	4676	4743	7155
Andhra Pradesh	628138	650785	675056
Arunachal Pr.	9675	9948	10240
Assam	256772	263760	271235
Bihar	647512	679329	863745
Chandigarh	21348	21562	21778
Dadara & N. Haveli	3 70	3202	3237
Delhi	243334	245768	248325
Diu/Daman	3003	3033	3064
Goa	27677	27954	28257
Gujarat	814341	822339	831600
Haryana	159099	164653	170563
Himachal Pr.	57345	58984	60737
Jammu & Kashmir	86392	88828	91433
Karnataka	498797	513054	528301
Kerala	279701	289540	300006
Lakshadweep	894	906	919
Madhya Pradesh	508539	532741	661812
Maharashtra	1542924	1558397	1576298
Manipur	21498	22064	22670

States/UTs	1996-97 (MTs)	1997-98 (MTs)	1998-99 (MTs)
Meghalaya	19682	20245	20847
Mizoram	7649	7868	8102
Nagaland	13414	13797	14207
Orissa	227701	239501	316597
Pondicherry	15162	15329	15342
Punjab	332224	337118	342376
Rajasthan	345753	361736	440060
Sikkim	7711	7794	7885
Tamil Nadu	682026	698837	716830
Tripura	30577	31451	32386
Uttar Pradesh	1128847	1178862	1391123
West Bengal	763609	785065	808013
Total:	9389194	9659193	10490199

Exploration of oil and natural gas in onshore of Bay of Bengal

3631. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether steps have been taken on the exploration of oil and natural gas on the river basins and onshore of Bay of Bengal;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that regard during last three years;

(c) the outcome thereof; and

(d) the details of the results of exploration in Mahanadi and Godavari basin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) During the years 1997-2000 Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd. (OIL) carried out exploratory activities in various river basins of India, viz. Bengal basin, Cauvery basin, Krishna-Godavari basin, Assam Shelf, Ganga basin and Narmada basin; exploration inputs being expanded in southern part of Cambay basin especially in Bharuch & Narmada blocks of Ankleshwar Asset; as detailed below:—

Seismic survey			Exploratory
2D—Ground Line Kilometre	3D—Ground Line Kilometre	3D D Sq. Km.	wells drilled
6701.82	29377	500	221